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## Legionella

State issues Legionella warning in Flint as temperatures rise

By Jiquanda Johnson, MLIVE 03/10/16 9:14 AM

As spring approaches with warmer weather, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services has issued a statement warning of the dangers of the Legionella bacteria that causes Legionnaires' disease.

### Dozens of mayors urge for action on Flint

By Jacob Carah, Detroit News 03/10/16 4:03 PM

A letter from mayors from 157 cities in 40 states was sent to President Barack Obama and members of Congress demanding action on Flint's lead-contaminated drinking water crisis. Representative of the U.S. Conference of Mayors joined Flint Mayor Karen Weaver at City Hall Thursday to discuss the letter to keep pressure on Washington, D.C.

### U.S. mayors back federal help for Flint in water crisis

Matt Helms, Detroit Free Press 03/10/16 3:17 PM

The United States Conference of Mayors will keep up pressure on Congress and the White House to get Flint federal money to fix its water crisis, officials announced this afternoon in Flint.

### State commission would help guide infrastructure spending

By Rebecca Kruth, Michigan Radio 03/10/16 4:24 PM

A new commission would help decide how to spend \$165 million Gov. Rick Snyder has proposed for infrastructure fixes in Michigan. On Thursday Snyder signed an executive order to create the 21st Century Infrastructure Commission.

### State commission formed in response to Flint crisis

By Jonathan Oosting, Detroit News 03/10/16 11:28 AM

Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder issued an executive order Thursday to create the "21st Century Infrastructure Commission," a 27-member body inspired by the Flint contaminated water crisis. The commission will be comprised of industry and government experts tasked with assessing and prioritizing infrastructure needs across the state, including underground water and sewerage systems, transportation, energy and communications networks.

### Commission Would Help Guide Michigan Infrastructure Spending

By CBS Detroit 03/10/16 11:16 AM

Snyder signed an executive order Thursday to create the 21st Century Infrastructure Commission. His office says that if the Legislature approves his budget proposal, the commission would help determine how some money is spent on transportation, water, sewer, energy, and communications infrastructure.

#### More lawsuits filed in Flint water crisis

By Steve Carmody, Michigan Radio 03/10/16 4:15 PM

Today, attorneys filed 10 more individual lawsuits on behalf of children allegedly exposed to lead in Flint's drinking water. Attorney Corey Stern specializes in cases involving lead poisoning. He works primarily in New York and New Jersey. He's working with a team of local attorneys in Flint. They've now filed nearly two dozen lawsuits on behalf of 50 Flint children.

#### Gov. Rick Snyder's Flint water crisis attorneys making up to \$540 an hour

By Emily Lawler, MLIVE 03/10/16 3:37 PM

Gov. Rick Snyder has retained \$1.2 million worth of legal services in relation to the Flint water crisis and is paying one attorney \$540 per hour, records show. The contracts' existence became public earlier this week when they surfaced on a state Administrative Board agenda. \$1.2 million for Gov. Rick Snyder's attorneys a 'kick in the teeth to taxpayers'

#### Snyder adds criminal probe experts to Flint legal team

By Chad Livengood & Jonathan Oosting, Detroit News 03/10/16 3:36 PM

Gov. Rick Snyder is beefing up his legal team with attorneys who can represent him in "any criminal investigations and prosecutions" related to Flint's water contamination, according to a law firm's letter to the governor. Snyder has retained the Warner Norcross & Judd LLP law firm for up to \$800,000 in legal expenses to represent him in the investigations underway on the causes of Flint's lead-contaminated water crisis, including one being led by Attorney General Bill Schuette.

Paying for Poison -- Rick Snyder Wants Taxpayer Money for Flint Water Crisis Legal Fees

Matthew Filipowicz, Huffington Post 03/10/16 2:05 PM [video clip]

In a TMFS sketch, a spokesperson for Michigan Governor Rick Snyder defends the governor's request for \$1.2 million for legal defense fees to defend the handling of the Flint Water Crisis.

Snyder OKs \$800K for legal advice on Flint 'criminal investigations'

By Paul Egan, Detroit Free Press 03/10/16 1:08 PM

Gov. Rick Snyder has agreed to pay a Grand Rapids law firm up to \$800,000 in taxpayer dollars for advice and representation related to "any criminal investigations and prosecutions and related claims" resulting from the Flint drinking water crisis, according to an engagement letter obtained Thursday by the Free Press.

Michigan Governor Releases More Emails Tied to Flint Crisis

By AP for ABC News 03/10/16 3:12 PM

Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder is releasing more emails and documents related to water crisis in Flint, including those uncovered during a search of private email accounts. Thousands made public Thursday cover from 2011 through Jan. 5, when Michigan declared an emergency.

Gov. Snyder Releases More Emails Related To Flint Water Crisis

By Jamie Valentine, 9 & 10 News 03/10/16 3:01 PM

Governor Snyder's office released more emails linked to the Flint water crisis. The governor's office says it is trying to be more transparent.

Gov. Snyder releases more emails related to Flint Water Crisis

By FOX 2 Detroit 03/10/16 2:58 PM

Gov. Rick Snyder's office today posted four additional batches of Executive Office emails, accompanying documents and related materials from Snyder's briefings regarding the Flint water crisis from 2011 through Jan. 5, when the state declared an emergency in the city. After the previous 14 batches of emails were released, we continued to search for emails and materials related to the Flint water crisis as part of our ongoing effort to be transparent," Snyder said. "By making the information easily accessible, everyone can review it, and then we can all focus on working together to find solutions and ways to move Flint forward."

#### Gov. Snyder's offices releases more emails relating to Flint water crisis

By WILX NBC 10 03/10/16 2:24 PM

Gov. Rick Snyder's office has posted more Executive Office emails, documents, and materials relating to the Flint Water Crisis. The governor's office issued a press release, saying the information will be posted on the Michigan.gov website. You can see the latest information that has been released by clicking the links at the right of this story. The materials are from the administration's briefings regarding the Flint water crisis from 2011 through Jan. 5, when the state officially declared an emergency in the city over the lead-contaminated water.

#### Snyder releases more Flint water emails, private email release planned

Gary Ridley, MLIVE 03/10/16 2:04 PM

Gov. Rick Snyder has released more emails from his office's response to the city's water crisis. The Thursday, March 10, release was expected to include emails between the governor and other key staff members sent to each other through their state and personal email accounts.

## **Other News & Opinions**

#### Steve Harvey Show dedicated to Flint water crisis will air next week

Eric Woodyard, MLIVE 03/10/16 12:58 PM

The Flint water crisis will be in the spotlight again as the subject of the Steve Harvey TV Show on Monday, March 14 at 4 p.m. on Fox 66. Harvey's one-hour show will cover all aspects of the Flint water crisis. Nearly 50 people from Flint were also bused to NBC Studios in Chicago on Feb. 18 for the special taping. Flint City Councilman Wantwaz Davis and Dr. Ahmed Arif are a couple of the notable faces that viewers will see in the audience. Harvey also interviewed Mayor Karen Weaver and democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton for the episode.

### Watch New ACLU Documentary on Flint Water Crisis

By Deadline Detroit, 03/10/16 7:39 AM [video clip]

The Michigan American Civil Liberties Union has produced a new documentary on the Flint water crisis titled "'Here's to Flint.'" The ACLU says the documentary "delves into the makings of the Flint water-contamination crisis and residents' efforts to learn the truth about the city's poisoned water supply."

### The Fear of Water in Flint

By The New Yorker 03/10/16 10:00 AM [video clip]

The story of the poisoning of the water in Flint, Michigan, has become a dark fable about government negligence, woeful infrastructure, and the hubris of public officials. This interactive video, directed by Zackary Canepari and Jessica Dimmock, paints an impressionistic portrait of the lives of the people of Flint.

### The courts will fail Flint, too

By Nora Freeman Engstrom, Los Angeles Times 03/10/16 5:00 AM

Less well known is that the third branch of government, the judicial branch, is also likely to fail Flint's residents. The civil justice system is supposed to make victims whole after this kind of calamity. Here, however, various legal doctrines stack up into possibly insurmountable barriers to any meaningful recovery.

### In Flint Crisis, A New Model For Environmental Journalism

By Cynthia Barnett, e360-Yale 03/10/16

Last summer, investigative journalist Curt Guyette found himself knocking on doors of families in Flint, Michigan, carrying not only a pen and notebook, but water-testing kits.

### New Michigan water worry emerges near former air base

By Keith Matheny, Detroit Free Press 03/10/16 9:53 AM

Harmful chemicals spilled from the now-decommissioned Wurtsmith Air Force Base are spreading into groundwater, affecting residential wells and potentially public health in the surrounding Oscoda community, state health officials said.

#### Water bills suspended for Flint residents

Colin Daileida, Mashable 03/10/16 3:40 PM

The mayor of Flint, Michigan, announced on Wednesday that residents won't have to pay their water bill for about a month, as the city works to credit residents for the bills they've already paid for water that was later proved to be toxic. The city will apply \$30 million in credit to residents' bills, and customers are expected to be compensated with an average of \$600. Officials have around 85,000 users on record who are expected to receive a portion of the money.

#### Flint residents get temporary relief on water bills

Mariano Castillo, CNN 03/10/16 12:47 PM [video clip]

Flint residents will get a temporary reprieve from water bills as the Michigan city struggles with a man-made crisis that polluted its tap water. The city of Flint is suspending the mailing of the utility bills to 85,000 accounts, Mayor Karen Weaver announced Wednesday.

#### Flint mayor announces suspension of water bills

By Anthony Sabella CBS 8 03/10/16 12:39 PM

Flint Mayor Karen Weaver has announced the city is suspending water bills. Weaver says the city will stop mailing out bills until computer systems can be updated to credit accounts. Last week, the governor signed a bill that gives the city \$30 million to reimburse people for water they used during the Flint Water Emergency, but couldn't drink. The money will appear in the form of credits on 65 percent of the water portion of utility bills, dating from April 2014 to April 2016. The city says water customers will see an average of \$600 credited to their accounts. Residents still have to come up with the sewer portion of the bills.

Skubick: House Democrats set to craft Flint water crisis political message

Tim Skubick, WLNS 6 03/10/16 2:29 PM

House Democrats will begin research next week to craft a message to use against the House Republicans in the elections next fall. That message will focus on the GOP mishandling of the Flint water crisis. Republicans have been strongly criticizing the Democrats running for president for allegedly exploiting the Flint water crisis for their own political gain.

Dem senator: 'No negotiation' over hold on energy bill, Flint package

By Devin Henry, The Hill 03/10/16 1:02 PM

The Democratic senator who has placed a hold on energy reform legislation and an aid bill for Flint, Mich., said Thursday he will not negotiate over his objections to the package. Florida Sen. Bill Nelson does not want to bring the energy bill to the floor unless Republicans drop their desire to vote on an amendment to expand an off-shore drilling revenue-sharing program. Nelson said he's worried the amendment will eventually lead to oil drilling off the coast of Florida.

Flint water crisis hearings begin Tuesday in Lansing

By Kathleen Gray, Detroit Free Press 03/10/16 2:54 PM

A legislative task force will begin holding its first of a series of hearings at 8 a.m. Tuesday to look into the Flint water crisis. The Joint Committee on the Flint Water Public Health Emergency was appointed last month to look at all levels of government — city, state and federal — to see how the situation happened, and to look at solutions for Flint and how to prevent similar problems in the future in other communities. The first person up to testify before the committee will be state Auditor General Doug Ringler, said committee chairman Sen. Jim Stamas, R-Midland.

Op-Ed: Pres. Obama snubs Flint, Michigan, gives UN \$500 million

By Larry Clifton, Digital Journal 03/10/16 2:45 PM

As local politicians in Flint, Michigan get behind the Democratic Party's push to blame a Republican for the Democrat political bastion's dirty water, the top Democrat, Barack Obama, just gave \$500 million to a UN slush fund.



### How Senate Republicans made peace with approving aid for Flint

By Amber Phillips, Washington Post 03/09/16

It seems Senate Republicans aren't going to put up a fight after all about the politically delicate and racially charged question of how to help Flint climb out of its water crisis. Politico's Seung Min Kim and Darren Goode report the Senate is close to a deal for an \$850 million loan and aid package that Flint officials and Michigan's Republican governor say the city badly needs to repair lead-corroded pipes and bounce back after 18 months of poisoned water.

### Don't Forget Flint's Water Crisis Just Because The Michigan Primary Is Over

Chris Tognotti, Bustle 03/10/16 3:46 AM

On Wednesday night, the Democratic presidential candidates took to the stage in Florida to engage in the final debate of the primary season. But out of all the issues tossed back and forth — immigration, the Supreme Court, foreign policy, and the like — there was one issue that was very conspicuously missing: the Flint water crisis, an issue both candidates zeroed in on leading into the Michigan primary and left entirely out just one day later. That's a big problem; the Michigan primary is over, but Flint's water crisis continues.

## **Donations**

### Elementary kids collect water for Flint, Michigan

Shalanna Taylor, WLKY.com 03/09/16 7:22 PM

The kids at Gutermuth Elementary School collected 7,200 bottles of water to send to Flint, Michigan, where the drinking supply is tainted by lead in pipes. “Their water is poisoned and they really can't do any of the normal things that we take for granted -- cooking, cleaning, drinking -- all the things we use water for day to day. Their way of life is compromised, and so really we're trying to show to our students and families that water is important, being a good humanitarian is important,” Jacob Eads with AmeriCorps REACH said.

### EWC Frat loads bus with water to help Flint Water Crisis

By Erica Bennett, CBS 47 Action News JAX 03/10/16 5:57 AM [video clip]

Case by case, bottle by bottle, the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity at Edward Waters College is trying

to do its part. "I am surprised because we had a lot of water and to almost double what we had before. It's great," member Jeffery Sanders said.

#### Edward Waters College Students To Bring Clean Water to Flint, Michigan

Farryn James, WJCT 03/09/16

An Edward Waters College fraternity is bringing drinking water to Flint, Michigan, next week. The Chi Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity began collecting bottles and jugs of water after learning about the contaminated water crises in Flint.

#### CCPS donates to Red Cross

Becky Crissman, Cordele Dispatch 03/10/16 8:43 AM

It has been over five months since people in the town of Flint, Michigan have been able to drink water from the taps in their homes. A Kindergarten teacher hundreds of miles away, here in Cordele, found a way to help.

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